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LONDON ALSO FOR MANTEL DELEGATION

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PCAT PARM UNGA GW  
SUBJECT: CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER (CAT) RESTRAINT  
AND THE SSOD

REF: (A) STATE 87919; (B) STATE 85467

1. FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER RUTH EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US VIEWS ON THE HANDLING OF THE CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER ISSUE IN THE UN SSOD AS CONTAINED IN REFTEL (A). HE SAID THAT HE CONSIDERED THE US APPROACH QUITE TIMELY AND THAT HE HAD, IN FACT, BEEN CONSIDERING PROPOSING A BILATERAL CONSULTATION ON SSOD ISSUES, INCLUDING THIS ONE.

2. WE LEFT THE TEXT OF PARAS 2-7 OF REFTEL (A) WITH RUTH AS A NON-PAPER, AND HE SUGGESTED A MEETING EARLY NEXT WEEK TO CONVEY GERMAN THINKING ON THE MATTER AFTER THERE HAD BEEN TIME TO STUDY THE PAPER. WE ALSO GAVE A COPY OF THE NON-PAPER TO PABSCH, CHIEF OF THE ARMS EXPORT POLICY OFFICE IN THE ECONOMIC DIVISION OF THE

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FOREIGN OFFICE. PABSCH MENTIONED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A PAPER ON THE SAME SUBJECT FROM WASHINGTON IN PREPARATION FOR THE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WHICH ARE TO TAKE PLACE IN BONN ON APRIL 10 (REF B). HE ASSUMED THAT THE MATTER WOULD BE DISCUSSED DURING THOSE CONSULTATIONS.

3. WHILE NOT YET PREPARED TO COMMENT ON THE PAPER AS A WHOLE, RUTH HAS ASKED US TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION ON ONE POINT. REFERRING TO THE PARENTHETICAL EXAMPLES OF "ACTIONS IN OTHER CONTEXTS" IN THE SECOND SENTENCE OF THE SECOND TIC UNDER PARA 5 OF REFTEL (A), RUTH NOTED THAT THE REFERENCE TO "PROSPECTIVE CONVENTIONAL WARHEAD CRUISE MISSILE LIMITATIONS IN SALT III" WAS NEW TO HIM. WE UNDERTOOK TO RELAY HIS REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THAT POINT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR RESPONDING TO RUTH'S QUESTION.

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